Diversion of land from food crops to cash crops

2843. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are shifting from food crops to cash crops because the input cost including fertiliser prices are high at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any strategy to stop this shift which may prove costly in a couple of years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to given support price to farmers in view of the increase in input costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no significant shift in the pattern of crop production indicating a diversion of area from food crops to cash crops.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) As a part of the Agricultural Pricing Policy, the Government is fixing support prices of various food and non-food crops every year in such a way that it takes due consideration of various factors including increase in input costs.

10-Point Plan to Boost Oilseeds Production

2844. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 24th August, 1992 under the heading "10-Point Plan to boost Oilseeds Production"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the suggestions such as modernisation of small scale oil industry and creation of infrastructure to promote exports from oilseed sector have long been accepted and schemes have been prepared to improve the efficiency in these areas. Integrated processing units for processing oilseeds are being promoted in the cooperative sector.

Fertilizers at concessional rates to marginal farmers

2845. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instruction for making available fertilizers at concessional rates to marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether such instructions are proposed to be issued in near future;

(d) what amount of funds were given to Gujarat Government in the last two years for this purpose and to what extent the amount was utilised by that Government;

(e) whether the reasons for non-utilisation of the above funds have been ascertained; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) During 1991-92, a scheme on Fertiliser Subsidy for Small and Marginal Farmers was implemented to exempt the small/marginal farmers from the 30% increase in fertiliser prices. During 1992-93 a scheme has been taken up for providing assistance to small marginal farmers and under this scheme fertiliser could also be supplied to Small and Marginal Farmers at reduced rates. The State Government have been given flexibility in

implementing both the schemes.

(d) Under the scheme on Fertiliser Subsidy for Small and Marginal Farmers an amount of Rs. 11.525 crores was released during 1991-92 to Gujarat out of which the State Government has reported utilisation of an amount of Rs. 2.846 crores. Under the scheme on Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers sanctioned during 1992-93 an amount of Rs. 20.66 crores has been allocated to the State Government out of which an amount of Rs. 8.79 crores has been released as first instalment.

(e) and (f) During 1991-92 the State Government could not utilise fully the funds released under the Scheme on Fartiliser Subsidy for Small and Marginal Fermers because the funds were received by the State at the fag end of the financial year.

Natural calamity fund

2846. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount earmarked by the Union Government under Natural Calamity Fund for each States/Union Territory during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether the allotted amount has been fully utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement containing the state-wise annual allocation of Calamity Relief Fund, Central share and the releases made by Government of India during 1991-92 and 1992-93 is enclosed. (See below) There is no provision of CRF for Union Territories.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

S.No.	State	Annual allocation in Calamity Relif Fund (CRF)	Central Share of CRF	Releases made by Govt. of India from Central Share of CRF	
				1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	86.00	64.50	49.21	36.9075
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.1250
3.	Assam	30.00	22.50	22.50	16.8750
4.	Bihar	35.00	26.25	26.25	39.3750
5.	Goa	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.5625
6.	Gujarat	85.00	63.75	63.75	63.7500
7.	Haryana	17.00	12.75	12.75	9.5625
8.	Himachal Pradesh	18.00	13.50	13.50	10.1250
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	12.00	9.00	9.00	13.5000
10.	Karnataka	27.00	20.25	20.25	30.3750
11.	Kerala	31.00	23.25	23.25	34.8750
12.	Madhya Pradesh	37.00	27.75	27.75	27.7500
13.	Maharashtra	44.00	33.00	33.00	33.0000
14.	Manipur	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.7500
15.	Meghalaya	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.1250
16.	Mizoram	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.7500
17.	Nagaland	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.2625